

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED

DIABETES EDUCATORS (KBLDE)

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board Licensed Diabetes Educators was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on February 22, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kim Coy DeCoste, Board Chair
Larry Smith
Dr. Mehdi Poorkay
Carrie L. Isaacs, Secretary
Carolyn L. Dennis

Occupations and Professions Staff

Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director
Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator

Others

Angela Evans – Office of The Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Diabetes Educators was called to order by Board Chair Kim Coy DeCoste at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday February 22, 2012 at The Office of Occupations and Professions. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Larry Smith made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Carrie Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Not Available

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director introduced Marcia Egbert as the new Board Administrator replacing Tony Crockett.

Mr. Horton informed the Board that they would eventually receive a Financial Statement once the Board begins to generate funds from licensure fees.

Carrie Isaacs asked about per diems for Board members. Mr. Horton stated that the statutes were passed with no physical statement in regard to per diems. Discussion followed. No further action was taken.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kim DeCoste stated that she had no report other than informing the Board that she had talked with Angela Evans in regard to the agenda, templates and general questions of Board activities.

Larry Smith brought up that the Board had not made a motion to accept Angela Evans as the Board Attorney from the Attorney General's Office. He made the motion to accept Ms. Evans as the Board Attorney. Carolyn Dennis seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Horton informed the Board that the Office of Occupations and Professions would have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) at the first of the year for the Board to sign. Until then the Office of Occupations and Professions would be supporting the Board under an unfunded mandate.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Angela Evans handed out some samples of title versus practice acts and gave an explanation as to how they each worked. This Board was approved as a Title Act. Discussion followed and the Board realized that there were several critical items left out of SB 71 last year that needs to be addressed. The Board was established as a Title Act instead of a Practice Act. It was the Boards intent that the Board would be approved under a Practice Act and asked Ms. Evans if there was anything the Board could do now to get it changed. Ms. Evans stated that the Board could request a revision of the legislation. The Board was in agreement that they wanted to pursue the request to revise the legislation. After calling Sen. Kerr's office, the Board was informed that today was the last day to request any additional bills. Discussion by the Board followed and it was decided that there were three points they wanted to target in the request of a revision to the legislation. They are as follows:

- 1) The original bill created by our board as a Title Act (protects the credential of calling oneself a Licensed Diabetes Educator) rather than a Practice Act (regulates a group of actions or practices). This board **needs to operate as a Practice Act** to insure that the public is receiving correct diabetes information.
- 2) Angela Evans, our attorney from the AG's office (Angela.Evans@AG.KY.gov), pointed out that there is **no way to enforce this statute** and those penalties for violations were left out (i.e. the 990 portion of the statute). She stated she would be glad to work with LRC staff with this.
- 3) Our board was not funded originally. The Board discussed **funding** of \$100,000 for expenses of starting up the Board and a **per diem** of \$100-\$125/day to board members be included.

The Board prepared the request and forwarded it to Sen. Kerr for her to submit to the Legislature this afternoon.

Angela Evans also handed out some information on the Code of Ethics. She told the Board that they can adopt the Code of Ethics from another organization such as AADE (Diabetes Educators).

Angela Evans gave an update on the Chiropractic scenario. Ms. DeCoste asked the Board members if they were interested in sending a letter to the Chiropractic Board introducing ourselves as a new Board and let them know what our role will be. No decision was made. No further action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board voted at the last meeting on what links they wanted posted on the KBLDE website. After additional discussion Larry Smith made a motion to only post the websites listed below on the website. Dr. Mehdi Poorkay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/cd/diabetes.htm>

<http://www.kentuckydiabetes.net/>

<https://www.aace.com/chapters/Ohio-River-Region>

www.diabetes.org - American Diabetes Association (ADA)

www.diabeteseducator.org - American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE)

The Board vote on accepting Angela Evans from the Office of the Attorney General as our Board Counsel was covered under the Board Chairman Report.

The Board discussed the survey for all interested public parties pertaining to establishing the scope, standards and regulations for licensing Diabetes Educators. Larry Smith made a motion to have Jeff Boler send a link that will go directly to the survey to the four groups to send to their list serves. Dr. Mehdi Poorkay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Marcia Egbert will get with Mr. Boler once the groups are determined and contacts are made.

NEW BUSINESS

The next agenda item was the topic of installing Carrie Isaacs as Board Secretary. It was voted on at the last meeting.

Angela Evans offered to draft some regulations for the Board to review and send them to the Board members prior to the next meeting. The Board agreed for Ms. Evans to draft the regulation. Ms. Evans asked the Board what fee they wanted to set for licensure. The Board was in agreement to set the fee at \$50.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve travel and per diem for the meeting dated February 22, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dennis. The motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 21, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

April 25, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Isaacs and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Kim DeCoste at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator